

**MINUTES OF THE CITY OF LAS VEGAS CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING HELD  
ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2022 AT 5:30 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS.**

**MAYOR:** Louie A. Trujillo

**COUNCILORS:** David G. Romero  
Elaine Rodriguez ***Absent***  
Michael L. Montoya  
David Ulibarri

**ALSO PRESENT:** Leo Maestas, City Manager  
Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk  
Scott Aaron, City Attorney  
Antonio Salazar, Sergeant at Arms

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Trujillo called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**ROLL CALL**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mayor Trujillo asked State Auditor Brian Colon to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Mayor Trujillo asked for Pastor Paul Hesch to lead us in prayer. Mayor Trujillo asked for a moment of silence for the family of Retired Firefighter Frank Lovato who passed away.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve the agenda by excluding Councilors Reports due to Mayor Trujillo's State of the City Address. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

### **PUBLIC INPUT**

City Clerk Fresquez advised she had public input for Business Item 1 for the public hearing and would read it into the record at that time.

### **MAYOR LOUIE TRUJILLO'S 2022 STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS**

Mayor Trujillo recognized all the hardworking staff that work together to serve the public. Mayor Trujillo recognized City Manager Maestas, Human Resource Director Arguello, Utilities Director Gilvarry, Streets Director Lopez, Fire Chief Spann, Police Chief Salazar and City Clerk Fresquez and her staff for all their hard work. Mayor Trujillo congratulated City Clerk Fresquez on a good election and stated she does an excellent job and also thanked Deputy Clerk Sena for her hard work. Mayor Trujillo recognized Deputy City Manager Gonzales for her efficiency, professionalism, hard work and dedication.

Mayor Trujillo recognized the City Council and stated without them all their accomplishments wouldn't have happened. Mayor Trujillo advised this administration in the last two years has done so much for the City of Las Vegas. Mayor Trujillo stated he is very proud of their accomplishments from the ice skating rink, working with nonprofit organizations, the Railroad district streetscape project, Rodriguez Sports Complex, the Bridge Street and Plaza paving and upgrades in the area and working with PNM to replace the lighting. Mayor Trujillo advised the message he wants to give to the public is that all these projects came together because of the collaboration with different groups.

Mayor Trujillo thanked Beth Urech for her articles in the optic. Mayor Trujillo recognized City Manager Maestas, Captain Daniel Atencio and Firefighter Fabian

Duran for helping with the production of the State of the City Address. Mayor Trujillo advised it was great to have State Auditor Brian Colon at the council meeting and he is always welcomed in Las Vegas.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve the minutes for February 9th and February 16, 2022. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	David Ulibarri	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

Conduct a Public Hearing for Business Items 1 and 2.

Councilor Romero made a motion to enter into Public Hearing to discuss business item 1 and 2. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael L. Montoya	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes
David Ulibarri	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

City Clerk Fresquez swore in City Attorney Aaron, State Auditor Brian Colon and Susie Tsyitee.

1. Adoption of Ordinance No. 22-01, an ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Las Vegas by adding a new Article XIV to Chapter 12, Traffic Regulations, to be entitled "Automated Speed Enforcement".

City Attorney Aaron advised nothing in the language changed from the last time it was brought to Council.



City Clerk read the following public comment into the record regarding business item 1:

*"Dear Mayor and Councilors, thank you for the automated speed enforcement ordinance. Our City desperately needs speed enforcement especially on our residential streets. How can residents request that one of the speed units be deployed into a specific neighborhood". -Mike Martinez*

2. Adoption of Ordinance No. 22-02, an ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Las Vegas by adding a new Section 4 to Chapter 22 to be entitled "Expenditure Accounting Report".

City Attorney Aaron advised minor changes were made and they will need to republish it if Council agrees with those changes. City Attorney Aaron advised they would then bring it back to Council for approval.

State Auditor Brian Colon spoke about his office being in charge of oversight and good government and will always carry the flags for accountability and transparency. State Auditor Colon advised the actions of the Governing Body regarding the ordinance shows good government and action. State Auditor Colon advised he wants to applaud the City of Las Vegas and it's not every time that he's here that he brings good news but tonight he celebrates them for their leadership. State Auditor Colon advised they are embarking on a path that every governance body in New Mexico should embark upon. State Auditor Colon advised this ordinance is transparency and accountability in government. State Auditor Colon stated he hopes their colleagues around the State, in Municipalities and Counties follow their lead.

Susie Tsyitee with Las Vegas Arts Council spoke about being concerned when reading the ordinance and how she could protect the artists who have been willing to serve on their board. Ms. Tsyitee advised she was concerned that the artists would be disqualified to provide art to the City. Ms. Tsyitee advised she doesn't know if it will work unless they go through it a couple of times but both



Councilor Romero and Councilor Montoya found time to help her translate and interpret the language.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to exit Public Hearing and return to regular session. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Romero	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
David Ulibarri	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Mayor Trujillo advised that Councilor Romero is the one when he talks about movers and shakers and people working hard. Mayor Trujillo advised Councilor Romero was the one who did the research and applauded him for working so hard.

Councilor Romero advised he couldn't have done it alone or without the collaboration from others. Councilor Romero advised when he came in four years ago he made a commitment to make sure there was transparency in government. Councilor Romero advised he wanted to make sure every tax dollar is spent wisely in the community.

Councilor Montoya thanked State Auditor Colon for coming and also thanked Councilor Romero for bringing both items to Council. Councilor Montoya advised the speeding in town is out of control and it's about time they get assistance.

Councilor Montoya advised they got elected to hold everyone accountable regarding taxpayers money being spent.

1. Adoption of Ordinance No. 22-01, an ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Las Vegas by adding a new Article XIV to Chapter 12, Traffic Regulations, to be entitled "Automated Speed Enforcement".

Councilor Romero made a motion to adopt ordinance 22-01. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion.

Ordinance 22-01 was presented as follows: *Due to the length of the document, a complete copy may be obtained from the City of Las Vegas, City Clerk's Office.*

Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
David G. Romero	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

2. Adoption of Ordinance No. 22-02, an ordinance to amend the Code of the City of Las Vegas by adding a new Section 4 to Chapter 22 to be entitled "Expenditure Accounting Report".

Councilor Romero asked for City Attorney Aaron to state for the record why it was his recommendation to republish ordinance 22-02.

City Attorney Aaron advised the State Statute calls for a publishing of the final version of the ordinance, if it was a minor or grammatical change that would be a different situation but it had additions to it that were beyond minor or grammatical and would be appropriate to republish it so the public has the opportunity to look at the changes made.

Councilor Romero advised the items that were changed were because of discussion with some of the nonprofits and based on their input.

Councilor Romero made a motion to republish ordinance 22-02. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael L. Montoya	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes
David Ulibarri	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

3. Approval of Resolution 22-11 applying for and assuring matching funds for the Municipal Arterial Program Grant (MAP) for a total amount of \$1,043,200.00.

Mayor Trujillo thanked both Public Works Director Arnold Lopez and Public Works Manager Danny Gurule for all their hard work.

Public Works Director Lopez discussed the improvement on Mountain View Drive.

Councilor Montoya made a motion to approve resolution 22-11. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion.

Resolution 22-11 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO**  
**Resolution No. 22-11**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT A GRANT OFFER FROM THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NMDOT) FOR MOUNTAIN VIEW DRIVE**

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas ("City") will apply to the New Mexico Department of Transportation ("NMDOT") for a Municipal Arterial Program (MAP) grant (the "Grant") for planning, designing, construction, reconstruction, pavement rehabilitation, ADA compliant curb & ramps, drainage improvements, construction management, and miscellaneous construction for phase III of this project; and

WHEREAS, the City expects the amount of the project to be a total of \$1,043,200.00; and

WHEREAS, the City would have to contribute 25% (\$260,800.00) in order to receive the Grant of \$782,400.00 (75%) for a total amount of \$1,043,200.00 to include New Mexico gross receipts tax; and

WHEREAS, improvements are needed on Mountain View Drive for the safety and well being of the residents of the City and others who use Mountain View Drive; and

WHEREAS, if the City is successful in receiving the Grant, it will be used for street improvements on Mountain View Drive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas that the recitals are incorporated herein by reference and the Governing Body agrees to contribute 25% of the Grant amount in order to obtain the Grant, and agrees to use the Grant for road improvements on Mountain View Drive.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of March 2022.

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Louie A. Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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Scott Aaron, City Attorney

Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
David Ulibarri	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Montoya advised there are a lot of potholes and they are working on them. Councilor Montoya advised they are trying to fix the streets, they've had 3 million dollar road projects first at the Plaza, Legion Drive in the summer and Mountain View Drive. Councilor Montoya advised there will be more streets that will be done.

4. Approval of Resolution 22-12 applying for and assuring matching funds for the Cooperative Agreement Grant (COOP) for a total amount of \$458,731.02.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve resolution 22-12. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion.

Resolution 22-12 was presented as follows:

**CITY OF LAS VEGAS, NEW MEXICO**  
**Resolution No. 22-12**

**A RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR AND ASSURING THE AVAILABLE MATCHING FUNDS FOR THE NEW MEXICO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (NMDOT) COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT (COOP)**

WHEREAS, the City of Las Vegas ("City") will be applying to the New Mexico Department of Transportation ("NMDOT") for a Cooperative Agreement Grant (the "Grant") for planning, designing, construction, reconstruction, pavement rehabilitation, ADA compliant curb & ramps, drainage improvements, construction management, and miscellaneous construction to East National Street from the railroad tracks to Commerce Street and Country Club Drive from Mills Ave to 4th Street;

WHEREAS, the City expects the amount of the projects to be a total of \$458,731.02; and

WHEREAS, the City would have to contribute 25% (\$114,682.75) in order to receive the Grant of (75%) \$344,048.27 for a total amount of \$458,731.02 to include New Mexico gross receipts tax; and

WHEREAS, improvements are needed on these Street's for the safety and well being of the residents of the City and others who utilize these streets;

WHEREAS, if the City is successful in receiving the Grant, it will be used for road improvements on these streets.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Las Vegas that the recitals are incorporated herein by reference and the Governing Body agrees to contribute 25% of the Grant amount in order to obtain the Grant, and agrees to use the Grant for road improvements on East National St. from the railroad tracks to Commerce Street and Country Club Drive from Mills Avenue to 4th Street in the City of Las Vegas.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_ day of March 2022.

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Louie A. Trujillo, Mayor

ATTEST:

Reviewed and approved as to legal sufficiency only:

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Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk

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Scott Aaron, City Attorney

Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David Ulibarri	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes
Michael L. Montoya	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Montoya asked for the staff to mention what streets would be included.

Public Works Manager Gurule advised it would be east National from railroad tracks to Commerce Street and Country Club Drive from Mills Avenue to 4th Street.

5. Request approval of Resolution No. 22-15 Run-Off Election for the City of Las Vegas.

Councilor Romero made a motion to approve resolution 22-15. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion.

Resolution 22-15 was presented as follows: *Due to the length of the document, a complete copy may be obtained from the City of Las Vegas, City Clerk's Office.*

Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

Michael L. Montoya	Yes	David G. Romero	Yes
David Ulibarri	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Mayor Trujillo mentioned Councilor Romero was unopposed and reelected to his seat, Councilor Ulibarri was victorious but not with enough votes so there will be a runoff and this will be the last runoff election as the charter amendment question passed. Mayor Trujillo thanked Councilor Rodriguez for serving and welcomed Councilor Barabara Perea Casey who will be sworn in on April 1st.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Councilor Montoya made a motion to convene into executive session for the purpose of discussing limited personnel matters as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. Mayor Trujillo asked for roll call. Roll Call Vote was taken and reflected the following:

David G. Romero	Yes	Michael L. Montoya	Yes
David Ulibarri	Yes		

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Councilor Romero made a motion to exit executive session and reconvene into regular session after being in executive session for the purpose of discussing limited personnel matters as permitted by Section 10-15-1 (H) (2) of the New Mexico Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978 and only those matters were discussed



and no action was taken. Councilor Montoya seconded the motion. All were in favor.

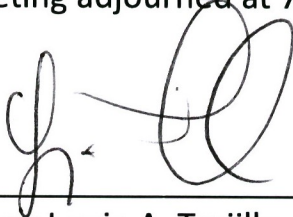
City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

**ADJOURN**

Councilor Montoya made a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ulibarri seconded the motion. All were in favor.

City Clerk Fresquez advised the motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

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Mayor Louie A. Trujillo

ATTEST:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Casandra Fresquez', written over a horizontal line.

Casandra Fresquez, City Clerk